STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3492

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 2 2 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 121

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 121 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE ATTACHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the feasibility of establishing the Office of Information Practices on a permanent basis, administratively attached to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Office of Information Practices. The Legislative Reference Bureau submitted comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that the Office of Information Practices was established by Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 1988. The Office of Information Practices administers the Uniform Information Practices Act, codified as chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires open access to government records, and the Sunshine Law, codified as chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires open public meetings. Your Committee also finds that, currently, the Office of Information Practices is temporarily attached to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for administrative purposes. Your Committee believes that finding an

appropriate principal department to permanently attach the Office of Information Practices will facilitate stability and continuity in legal opinions and guidelines affecting state and county agencies, as well as promote independence from undue political influence.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 121, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Arid Me DAVID Y. IGE Chair

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		V			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					V
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					~
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		1			
ESPERO, Will					
KAHELE, Gilbert		1			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.		V			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		1			
THIELEN, Laura H.		1			
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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